

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2006**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Pearce** moved to adopt the minutes from the **December 6, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Polidori**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chairman Stahl** laid **HB 4783** and **HB 4784** before the committee:

HB 4783	Spade	Children; foster care; out-of-state placement of juvenile; prohibit use of state funds.
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HB 4784	Kahn	Children; foster care; out-of-state placement of juvenile; prohibit use of state funds.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Spade**, sponsor of 4783, explained the bills to the committee.

**Adolf Armbruster**, representing Holy Cross Children's Services, submitted a card and written testimony in support of the bills and did not wish to speak.

**Ron Hicks**, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, submitted a card in opposition to the bills and did not wish to speak.

**Elizabeth Carey**, representing the Michigan Federation for Children and Families, submitted a card in support of the bills and did not wish to speak.

**Chairman Stahl** laid **SB 1253**, **SB 1254**, **SB 891**, **SB 1410** and **SB 1512** before the committee:

SB 1253	Hardiman	Children; child care; requirement for licensees and registrants to notify parents of complaints of rule violations and investigations; establish.
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SB 1254	Hardiman	Children; protection; time period for family independence agency to submit reports regarding certain child protection services; extend.
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SB 891	Hardiman	Family law; child support; collection duties for certain state departments; establish.
SB 1410	Hardiman	Children; protection; procedure regarding follow-up to report of child abuse or neglect that involves a licensed or registered facility or home; clarify.
SB 1512	Hardiman	Children; services; disclosure of certain child protective services information in certain circumstances; allow.

### **TESTIMONY**

**Kelly Bartlett** from Senator Hardiman's office testified in support of the bills.

**Suzanne Hollyer**, representing the Friend of the Court, testified in support of the bills.

**Ron Hicks**, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bills.

**Elizabeth Carey**, representing the Michigan Federation for Children and Families, submitted a card in support of SB 1253 with amendment to change child care organization to child day care, and SB 1512. Ms. Carey did not wish to speak.

**Bill Kandler** representing the Family Law Section of the Michigan State Bar, submitted a card indicating neutrality on SB 891 and did not wish to speak.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to report **SB 1253** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Clack** moved to report **SB 1254** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Pearce**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to report **SB 891** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Polidori**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Polidori** moved to report **SB 1512** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Pearce**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Chairman Stahl** laid **HB 5267** before the committee:

HB 5267   Mortimer	Family law; child custody; joint custody; mandate in every custody dispute between parents except in certain circumstances.
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**TESTIMONY**

*The following people submitted testimony cards in support of the bill but did not speak due to time constraints:*

**William Reisdorf**, attorney representing his own firm  
**Gary Naeyaert**, representing DADS of Michigan  
**Jay Fedewa**, representing the Family Rights Coalition  
**Brett Frye**, representing himself  
**Judith Faye**, representing Jeff Kapteyn  
**Dave Taylor**, representing Rebecca, age 6  
**Dan Diebolt**, representing Fathers 4 Justice  
**Jon Grifka**, representing Hanna Grifka

**Jeff Swanbery**, submitted a card and did not indicate a position on the bill.

*The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak:*

**Mary Lovik**, representing the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board  
**Maxine Thome**, representing the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
**Kathy Hagenian**, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
**Stephanie Wuttke**, representing the Michigan Advocacy Project  
**Renee Becker**, representing the Michigan NOW  
**Bill Kandler**, representing the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, submitted written testimony

The committee went at ease at 10:11 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 5267**.

**Representative Sheen** offered the following amendment to **HB 5267**:

1. Amend page 2, line 22, after “**ARRANGEMENT.**” by inserting “**IF THE PARENTS AGREE THAT JOINT CUSTODY SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED, THE COURT SHALL NOT GRANT JOINT CUSTODY.**”.

**Representative Sheen** moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-1-2**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,

Nays: Representative Pearce,

Pass: Representatives Clack and Spade.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to report **HB 5267** with recommendation, as amended. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **4-4-1**.

**ADVERSE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Hoogendyk and Sheen,

Nays: Representatives Vander Veen, Clack, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,

Pass: Representative Spade.

The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 1410**.

**Representative Sheen** offered the following amendments to **SB 1410**:

1. Amend page 7, line 21, after “child” by striking out the balance of the sentence through “hospitalization” on line 21.

2. Amend page 7, line 23, after “means” by striking out the balance of the line through “injury” on line 25 and inserting “**AN INJURY TO THE CHILD THAT REQUIRES MEDICAL TREATMENT OR HOSPITALIZATION AND**”.

3. Amend page 7, line 26, after “the” by inserting “**CHILD’S**”.

4. Amend page 7, line 26, after “well-being” by striking out “of a child”.

**Representative Pearce** moved to adopt the amendments. The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to report **SB 1410** with recommendation, as amended. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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**Representative John Stahl, Chair**

**House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services**

Malika Abdur-Rashid

Committee Clerk

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1 Hour 42 Minutes